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For: BIODEGRADABLE FOAM FOR SHEET, )  
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE )  
SAME, BIODEGRADABLE MOLDING )  
FROM THE FOAM AND PROCESS FOR )  
PRODUCING THE SAME )  
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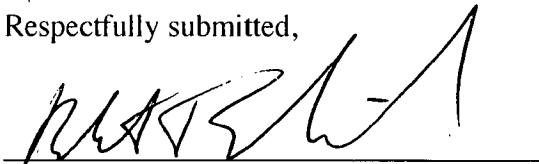
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